STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicant's attorney, David K. Sakata, on August 20, 2008.

During the interview, Applicant's attorney respectfully traversed the Office's rejections. For instance, claims 6-7 were distinguished from the cited references during the interview. In addition, several proposed claim amendments were discussed solely in the interest of moving prosecution forward and without giving propriety to the rejections. Applicant's attorney understood the Examiner to appreciate the arguments presented, although no formal agreement was reached.

Thus, solely in the interest of moving prosecution forward in an expedited manner, Applicant herein amends the independents claims as discussed during the interview. The pending claims are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.